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Dear Mr. Glickman,

I want you to know that I strongly support your decision to call for an independent scientific review of the approval process for biotechnology, and for a study on the long-term health and environmental risks of growing and eating genetically engineered foods. I particularly want to stress the importance of mandatory rather than voluntary labeling for all products containing genetically engineered ingredients. We have a right to know what's in our food, and companies should be required to tell us if any ingredients are transgenic.

Thank you on behalf of all Americans who buy and eat domestic food products.

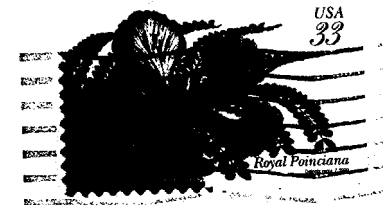
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